

Meridian Matters

March 2019

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District Calendar

Eagle Boards & Roundtable at: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2949 Stone Valley Rd, Alamo

District Committee at: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2949 Stone Valley Rd, Alamo

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6	District Committee + Annual District Committee meeting
14	Roundtable
14	Eagle Boards & Project Proposals
23	District Annual Awards Ceremony & Dinner
28	Eagle Boards and Project Proposals
28	Eagle Orientation Presentation
28	OA Chapter meeting

April 2019

4	District Committee
11	Roundtable
11	Eagle Boards & Project Proposals
25	Eagle Boards and Project Proposals
25	Eagle Orientation Presentation
25	OA Chapter meeting
26-28	District Camporee & Webelos Day (4/27)

March 2019 Roundtable

March 14 – 7:30 p.m.

- * Scoutbook presentation
- * Water Sports

April 2019 Roundtable

April 11 – 7:30 p.m.

- * Outdoor cooking without a stove
- * Family Scouting / Recruiting
- * Camporee Youth Staff Training
- * Merit Badge Counselor Training

Friends of Scouting

The 2019 FOS campaign is under way. Your donations are key to a strong, local Scouting program.

[Please plan to donate in 2019!](#)

Wood Badge

The ultimate in Scout leadership training focused to teach leadership skills to adults involved in **ALL** levels of Scouting; Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and District, Council, and professional positions.

Follow the link below for more information:

[MDSC Wood Badge](#)

District Dinner



Theme; St. Patrick's Day – Don your **Green** or Uniform and think Potato Bar!

And, be ready to bid on the Silent Auction baskets. Sat. March 23, 6 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

655 Old Orchard Dr, Danville

Info & Registration: [Dinner calendar event](#)

Submit nominations for: [Unit Scouter of the Year.](#)

Camporee 2019



“Worldwide Web of Scouting” is the theme.

April 26 – April 28, 2019

(& Webelos Day – April 27)

at Ranchos Los Mochos

[More information](#)

Registration is open, click to:

[Register Troops](#) | [Register Webelos dens](#)

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Welcome Scouts BSA

Starting February 1, 2019 - For the first time in its 100+ year history, the iconic program of the Boy Scouts (grades 6-12) is now open to both young men and young women. **Scouts BSA** is a year-round program for boys and girls in fifth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves. Our organization will still be called **Boys Scouts of America**. It is only the program (grades 6-12) that has the name change. Having girls in the Scouts BSA program now matches what we have had in Explorers for the last 48 years, Sea Scouts and Venturing for the last 20 years. BSA joins nearly 170 other WOSM countries that have girls in all scouting programs. Contact [Stephanie Demeter](#) for more info on Family Scouting (Cub Scouts) or Girl Troops (part of Scouts BSA).

And, please welcome our first two girl troops:

Troop 126, Gale Ranch Middle School, San Ramon

Troop 36G, St. Timothy's, Danville

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Hazardous Weather Training

BSA is now making the NEW [Hazardous Weather Training](#) (still an online course - Code SCO_800) a mandatory course for all direct contact Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders. This is basically all leaders except unit committee members and chartered organization reps.

Adult Leader Training

[Merit Badge Counselor](#): April 11 at 7:30 pm at RT.

[BALOO](#): May 4-5; Oct 19-20 at Camp Herms

[Introduction Outdoor Leader Skills](#): May 4-5; Oct 19-20 at Camp Herms

[High Adventure Training](#): Check the MDSC website.

Medical Forms (aka AHMR)

- [Parts A&B](#) can be filled out by parents and are needed for Cub Scout Day Camp, and short overnight trips.
- [Part C](#) is also required for all long term camps (>72 hours continuous) and must be filled out by a doctor every year! Get those physicals now!

Scout Camp

Just a reminder that ALL adults attending all long term camps (>72 hours continuous) e.g. Camp Wolfeboro, Camp Wente, etc. and MUST be a registered BSA leader. All the paperwork (BSA Adult app, YPT certificate, payment) needs to be turned at least 2 weeks before camp for processing.

Order of the Arrow



Meetings are now the 4th Thursdays of the month. Contact Joey (Moluk Apanuc Chief) at Joey.curley7@gmail.com or Ray Chan, Advisor at (925) 548-6179 or email: ray4scouting@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Support the District!

The district has some new, simple needs for:

- **Exploring Champion** – promotes/help Exploring
- **Webeloree Champion** – coordinates help from troops
- Contact [Rand](#) for the above positions.

If you'd like to get involved at the District level just let us know – there are always opportunities. Initially why not consider becoming a Committee Member and when you'd like more of a challenge take up one of the vacant roles; of course if you are ready just let us know.

We are seeking to fill the following roles:

Nominating Cmte, Finance Chair, Unit Commissioners, Asst FOS Chair, RT Commissioners, Popcorn Colonel, Asst District Chair. All levels of commitment are possible; it's only an hour a week ☺.

Contact: Gregg Ankenman, [Gregg Ankenman](#) OR Sue Oki, [Sue Oki](#).

Adopt-a-School



The program is a great way for Packs, Troops and Crews to connect with their local schools. Scouts offer volunteer services that help schools. Project ideas may include landscaping, building improvements, book drive coordination, helpers during school events, and so on.

This overall intent is to provide an enduring bond between individual Scouts and their immediate Community, between Scouting and the Community as a whole.

[Click for more information.](#)

Save The Date

- * [District Awards Dinner: Mar 23, 2019, 6:00p](#)
- * [Camporee 2019 Fri, April 26 – Sun, April 28, 2019](#)
- * [Cub Scout Day Camp: June 10 to June 14, 2019](#)
Registration should be available in the next few days. Check the [MDSC website](#) or [Meridian Camp website](#).